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1. The airfield with a spur track was about 1½ miles southeast of BARANOVICHI, White Russian SSR. The 6,600 x 10,000-foot landing field in the southern section of the field had two perpendicular concrete runways, from 5,000 to 6,600 feet long. A concrete or asphalt taxiway, 50 feet wide, ran along the western and southern edge of the landing field.

2. Large hangars were located in the eastern and western sections, and quartering buildings, former Polish barracks buildings, were on the northern edge.

3. There were bomb and ammunition dumps west, south, and east of the field.

4. The following two aircraft types were at the field: 25X1X

a. Single-engine aircraft: Presumably in-line engine, landing gear and tail wheel retractable, two-man crew, four machine guns in wings, cannon presumably firing through propeller hub.

b. Twin-engine bomber: Presumably radial engine, low-wing monoplane, clumsy fuselage, four-bladed propeller, four- or five-man crew, one gunner's station each in upper and lower section of fuselage rump.

5. A 2,500x3,300-foot civilian airfield was about ½ mile south of BARANOVICHI, west of the mentioned airfield.

6. A large AAA emplacement of about 75-mm caliber guns and a searchlight station were located SSE of BARANOVICHI in the Spring of 1948.

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a. The about 5,000x6,600-foot field, particularly its destroyed buildings and installations, were under reconstruction in 1948.

b. The existence of a concrete runway has been known since World War II. The information on two perpendicular runways requires confirmation.

c. The field was apparently first occupied by a pilot school and later by a fighter unit while reconstruction work was being done on the destroyed hangars and quartering buildings. The information that Yak-9s were stationed at the field is considered credible. The description of the single-engine aircraft (two-man crew, machine guns in wings) indicates that the IL-2 or IL-10 ground attack plane is concerned. The twin-engine bomber with nose wheel may be lend-lease bombers* or transports for parachute training.**

d. The small airfield near BARANOVICHI, mentioned twice, once denoted as emergency training field and second as a civilian field, is an old civilian field. Further reports are required to ascertain whether this field is an emergency field of the Soviet Air Force (because of the [redacted] flight training with U-2s) or whether a DOSAV school is located there.

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25X1X 1. Annex: Aircraft types [redacted] at the BARANOVICHI airfield.
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